Letter to PFP workforce Leckband, Catrell, Hudson

Reducing the risk to human health and the environment from the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) has been a significant issue for the Hanford Advisory Board for many years. Given the recent successes in addressing PFP cleanup, we wish to congratulate all those who have participated in the continuing decontamination and demolition of the PFP plant, both past and present.

Especially, the Board wishes to congratulate and recognize the conspicuous accomplishments of the hands-on workforce. They have labored safely, hour after hour, in demanding, difficult conditions to remove the plutonium from contaminated gloveboxes, the critically damaged McCluskey room, and other equipment for repackaging and offsite shipment. Their efforts exemplify the very best of competent, proficient, and technically initiated cleanup activities.

We look forward to the successful demolition of PFP to "slab on grade" and are confident that it can be completed safely and successfully by the well-trained, experienced workforce currently on the job.

Gratefully,

Steve Hudson, Chair Hanford Advisory Board